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ONE HUNDRED AT Y. M. BANQUET

H. C. Moore of Alma One of
the Principal Speakers
at Ashley

"FATHER AND SON" BANQUET

Committee Trying to Secure A.
L. Chamberlain for
Speaker.

H. C. Moore was one of the principal speakers at the big Y. M. C. A. banquet held at Ashley last Friday night. More than one hundred people attended the affair which was the first of its kind ever held there. Mr. Moore spoke from the subject "Y. M. C. A. Work and Community Development." He called attention to the fact that a community is a number of people associated together for a common cause and that in the better communities we are trying to build, the growing boys are the most important factors. Y. M. C. A. work aims to develop the boy and make him an all round man by giving him training in the mental, spiritual and physical. Other speakers were E. A. Chisholm who spoke about the influences which should be thrown around the adolescent boy; Rev. R. G. Hershey of Ithaca spoke from the subject, "The Man and the Boy," showing the relation that should exist between Father and Son and the responsibility resting on the older men in training boys to fill responsible positions a few years hence; E. C. Hobart, county secretary of the Y. M. C. A., gave a talk on "How It Works in Gratiot County." He spoke of the chief importance of a personality in the lives of young men; the necessity of training leaders to work with groups of boys in Bible study, educational work and games in a weekly program; formation of character is the best thing and preventing the boy from going wrong is better than trying to reform him after he has gone wrong. The boys of Ashley were very successful in their undertaking. During the program they sang "We're the Boys of Michigan" to the tune "Michigan My Michigan."

Father and Son Banquet.
H. C. Moore, chairman of the program committee for the "Father and Son" banquet to be held in Alma some time during the latter part of February has written A. L. Chamberlain of Port Huron asking for a date. Mr. Chamberlain replied that he would be glad to come to Alma and speak at the banquet if he was given a definite date. The committee then decided to make Friday evening, Feb. 25, the time of the big affair and if this meets with the approval of Mr. Chamberlain, who will be the principal speaker, the other features will be shaped accordingly. "The Kind of a Man I'd Like to Be" from an older boy and "The Qualities We Admire in Young Men" by a man are subjects that will be treated at the banquet.

There is a possibility that Mr. Frank Hickok, Washington, D. C., a prominent platform speaker and brother-in-law to Pres. H. M. Crooks of Alma college, will be present for the banquet one of the speakers. Other features of the program will be announced next week and more definite arrangements for the banquet made.

NINETY YEARS OLD, AND STILL COBBLES SHOES

Came to Michigan in 1853, from
New York State, Shoemaker
Since 1812.

Mr. W. R. Kinch celebrated his ninetieth birthday Sunday, at the home of his granddaughter on Prospect avenue. Mr. Kinch is a native of New York state, coming to Michigan in the year of 1853 and settling in Jackson county. He came to Alma 31 years ago. In 1855 Mr. Kinch started in the shoe and repair business here and has always been connected with the trade. Although being close to the century mark in life, he still may be seen at his bench repairing a pair of ladies fine shoes. He claims he can do "as good a job" as any cobbler in the state. While he says that he is not forced to cobble and has a good home, he would rather be at his bench and work at his old trade than anything else. Since the age of thirteen he has always cared for himself. At the time Mr. Kinch came to this section, Alma was a little better than a woodland and he has seen it grow to a live up to date prospering little city.

ANNUAL MEETING
The tenth annual meeting of the Alma Board of Trade, will be held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 29, 1916, at the City Hall at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing twelve directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.
C. F. BROWN,
President.

NOW "PAPA" GRABOWSKY

Mr. Robert Grabowsky, our genial Western Union operator and wife are the happy parents of a seven and one-half pound baby girl, born last Saturday. Consequently the popular Bob is being addressed by the boys as "father" and "grampa" Weese is wearing a little broader smile than usual. The occasion not only makes Mr. Grabowsky one of our nation's proud fathers but also the champion bowler in town. Bob is generally expected to knock down a goodly number of pins at the local alleys, but Saturday night following his happy surprise he rolled the highest score of the season, 246, making seven strikes and three spares. Bob is only five foot something, but you've got to "look up" to him now.

GETS TEETH SMASHED IN QUARREL OVER GIRL

Young Man Stopped While Escorting Lady from Skating Rink.

What proved to be a sad ending to an enjoyable evening, and what may cause an arrest on a charge of assault and battery, was the outcome of a quarrel over a girl, participated in by R. M. Hafer of Shepherd and William Atkinson of Alma. Mr. Hafer came to Alma Saturday and attended a skating party at the Wyant rink in the evening. As the party was breaking up he asked the pleasure to accompany a certain lady to her home. Upon being granted the request the two started west on Superior street turning to the north at State street. Just as the pair reached the alley between the Wright House and the Baker Studio, Atkinson stepped out and accosted Hafer asking him "what right he had walking home with his girl?" Hafer replied to the effect that if Atkinson had any claim on the lady he would withdraw. But this did not seem to satisfy Atkinson, who struck Hafer a heavy blow in the face, breaking a plate of false teeth.

IMPORTANT MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade, Feb. 29, is a very important meeting and one that every citizen who has the interest of Alma at heart should attend. Every citizen is invited to attend whether he is a member or not but all are solicited to join. We are sorry to say that there has been a lack of interest on the part of many of our citizens in this respect, except on the part of the directors who have done hard work. Because you are not drummed for membership is no excuse for you not being a member, this is a city interest and all should boost. The board have accomplished much the past year and a little interest and encouragement on the part of its citizens will help them along. Let's have this meeting a rouser, let's all be boosters.

"LEAP YEAR" DANCING PARTY

The third of a series of six Masonic dances was held Tuesday night. About forty couples were present. An exceptional good time was reported, it being a leap year party among the stronger sex, but on the whole it was a grand success. Medlar's orchestra furnished the music. This orchestra is rapidly gaining popularity as one of the best dancing orchestras in this locality, at least much of the success of the Masonic dances is attributed to the music.

PREPARATIONS FOR "FESTIVAL"

On Tuesday evening in the college chapel the "May Festival Chorus" will be organized. All members of "Messiah Chorus" are urged to be present and a cordial invitation is extended to all other singers in the community. No expense connected with membership except that members must provide their own music. Chorus copies of "Messiah" the opera to be staged, will be on sale for thirty cents at the meeting. Come prepared to purchase your copy.

INVITATION

The faculty of Alma college invite the citizens of Alma to meet President and Mrs. H. M. Crooks at Wright Hall next Friday evening, Feb. 11, at 8 o'clock. This invitation is to all the citizens. Manifestly a personal invitation could not be sent to each one, hence this general invitation is issued. The faculty wish to emphasize the fact that All will be welcome.

HOPE COLLEGE BEATS ALMA.

The game on Thursday evening between Hope college of Holland and Alma resulted in a score of 36 to 27 in favor of the Holland team. A game between Hillsdale and the local boys is scheduled for tonight. A good game is expected.

CIVIC LEAGUE IN ANNUAL MEETING

Held at the Home of Mrs.
Francis King on Friday
of Last Week.

OVER FORTY WOMEN PRESENT

Excellent Reports Given on
Years Work—Free Reading
Room Becoming Popular.

The annual meeting of the Civic Improvement League was held on Friday Feb. 4, at the home of the president, Mrs. Francis King. There were over forty women present, and the League had the pleasure of numbering among these Mrs. Hannah, Mrs. Convis and Mrs. McCall of Ithaca, representing the Civic Improvement League of that city; being at the same time disappointed at not having with them Mrs. Andrews of the newly formed Civic Improvement League of St. Louis.

The reports of the secretary, Mrs. R. H. Wilcox, of the treasurer Mrs. G. W. Moore, and of the caretaker of the Free Reading Room were read and will be published next week. Reports from many committees created great interest, and work for the coming year was discussed. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mrs. Francis King.
First Vice-President—Miss Sadie Messenger.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Frank E. Barnes.
Secretary—Mrs. R. H. Wilcox.
Corresponding secretary—Mrs. L. N. Baker.
Treasurer—Mrs. G. W. Moore.

LOCAL ARCHITECT GETS PLANS

E. M. Wood the local architect has secured the contract for making the plans for the \$60,000 high school at Fremont, Mich., and has been elected as architect of the new \$80,000 high school building to be erected at Grand Haven. Mr. Wood will go to Reed City soon to make arrangements for the drawing of the plans for the remodeling of the Methodist church in that city. Mr. Wood drew plans for the Lutheran church in Reed City last fall.

W. C. T. U. MEET

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Overmire last Wednesday afternoon, an unusually large number of ladies were present to enjoy the most enthusiastic meeting the Union has had for months.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. P. M. Smith, Saturday, February 19. This will be the annual reception for teachers of the public schools.

COLLEGE TEAM DEFEATED IN LAST THREE GAMES

Team Still Crippled Seem to Be
Losing Heart or Pep and
Continue to Slide.

"What's the matter with Alma" seems to be the popular slogan among the basketball fans of the various colleges throughout the state. The pick-up in the local teams average after the first of the year, seemed to indicate that they would make a clean sweep during the late winter months. But following a victory over Adrian and Traverse City, they immediately started in a downward slide and have been going ever since.

The "weary foot-sore soldiers" returned to their native haunts Sunday after a three days "battle" with defeat in every ray. On Thursday night the team played the Michigan State Normals at Ypsilanti. This was one of the roughest games of the season. The referee calling only one foul during the entire game. It was a heavy defeat, the score of 20 to 10, being the largest margin by which the team has been defeated this year.

At Detroit on Saturday night, a little better show was put up. The Maroon and Cream met the Detroit College of Law and played a rather slow game. Spinney played the whole game for Alma, making every point. The "Bar Boys" only got a lead of one point in the first half, but doubled up during the last and came out victor over the local team by a score of 16 to 9.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The Gratiot and Montcalm county convention of the R. N. of A. will be held in this city Feb. 22, the Lakeview degree team are coming to confer the degree to Alma's large class of candidates. It is expected that Alva C. Smith of Detroit and Clara M. Richards of Buchanan will be present. Dinner and supper will be served at the hall. All members of this order will be "welcome" a reception committee will meet the trains, any one wishing to remain over night will be entertained free if you write to the president, Mrs. Carrie D. Stoddard, 732 Gratiot avenue or the secretary, Winne A. Story, Bridge avenue.

BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

Last Thursday C. L. VanNortwick took possession of the restaurant on west Superior street, formerly owned by Mr. Gulick. Mr. VanNortwick comes here from Stanton, Mich. He has been conducting a restaurant and lunch room in that city for the past five years and is a well experienced man in his business. Several changes will be made in the fixtures of the place, namely that of moving the fountain to the front of the room and the installing of a lunch counter.

ST. LOUIS PIONEER DIES

Dr. J. F. Snyder left Sunday for Syracuse, N. Y. to attend the funeral of his father, John Snyder. Mr. Snyder was an old resident of St. Louis, coming to that city in 1865. He was born in 1826 in Rensselaer county, N. Y. He was married in New York state to Harriet A. Buell, and to this union three children were born. Mr. Snyder retired from active business as a farmer in 1890. Mr. Snyder died in 1905. Since that time he has been travelling through the West and East and lately has been staying with relatives near his old home in New York state. He would have been ninety years old in June.

TAFT LEAGUE PEACE PLAN IS GIVEN PROMINENCE

League to Enforce Peace Plan
form is Becoming Very
Popular.

The proposals of the League to Enforce Peace, of which Ex-President Taft is head, are given first place in a report published by the National Economic League on behalf of its National Council, which comprises a number of prominent residents of Michigan. Among these are Senator Francis King of Alma, Ambassador Thomas J. O'Brien of Grand Rapids, Judge Alfred J. Murphy, Dr. Emil Amberg, Rev. Henry P. Collin, and Charles S. Beale of Detroit, Dr. J. H. Kellogg of Battle Creek and John H. Patterson of Pontiac.

When the league to Enforce Peace, was organized by ex-President Taft, President Lowell of Harvard, and others, in Independence Hall last June, the conference adopted a platform consisting of four proposals, providing as its main feature, that the United States join a league of the great powers whose joint military and economic forces shall be used to compel the nations to keep an agreement not to declare war or begin hostilities, until a dispute between any of them has been submitted either to an international court or board of arbitrators. The plan however does not provide for the enforcement of the decree. Nations may fight after arbitration, if dissatisfied.

The National Economic League is an organization composed of men of standing in financial, legal and educational circles. Its national council representing leaders of prominence in every state.

Its object is to educate and crystallize public sentiment and to make such sentiment and effective force for good. Each year a special committee is appointed to study and investigate a subject selected as of being of paramount importance, and to submit a report.

VERY IMPORTANT TO ALMA

Manager Ruggles of the Republic Truck Co., informs The Record that the biggest draw back to their increase of business today is the scarcity of houses in Alma, expert laborers are needed but are unable to find houses for their families. Competent men are leaving Alma every day on this account. Our business must submit hit upon some plan to overcome this. Alma has plenty of money and we have 200 citizens who can if incline each build a house, this with the many that are to be built in the spring and are now under way would greatly relieve this situation. We can not expect other enterprises that are within our reach to locate here unless homes are provided; this is a vital question for Alma and should be met and solved.

BACK TO THE FARM

Mr. Lewis Hudson, who has been in the employ of G. V. Wright for the past four years has tendered his resignation to take effect March first. Mr. Hudson has purchased the fifty acre tract of land in Emerson township known as the Seaman farm. He will take possession about March fifteenth. During his long stay with Mr. Wright he has made many friends, but he states he couldn't resist the call of nature and is going "back to the farm." Mr. F. L. McConkey, our first ward alderman, will succeed Mr. Hudson. Mr. McConkey is a licensed embalmer, and is well known in this city, and Mr. Wright is to be congratulated upon securing the services of an efficient employee as Mr. McConkey.

OLD RESIDENT DIES

Last Monday Frank G. Kneeland passed away at his home in St. Louis. He was an old and respected resident of the county, having conducted a private bank in St. Louis for a number of years and lately being connected with the real estate business. Funeral services were held Wednesday from the home, the Rev. J. Frank Jackson of Alma officiating.

HELPFUL COUNTY MID-WINTER MEET

Ninety-Third Semi-Annual
Teachers' Association
Meet in Alma.

FINE HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Miss Mae E. Schreiber and H. R.
Pattengill Give Interesting
and Helpful Talks.

On Monday and Tuesday, February seventh and eighth, in the high school room at Alma was held probably the most successful institute in the history of the Gratiot County Teachers' Association. Interesting talks were given by Miss Mae E. Schreiber, R. H. Pattengill and Miss Ann Wiggins.

The program opened Monday morning with music by the association following with a talk on "What is the matter with English?" by Miss Schreiber. Miss Schreiber has been conductor of the state departments of Wisconsin and New York states. At present she is an instructor in Boston, Mass. She is an educational lecturer specializing in the teaching of English.

At 10:05 H. R. Pattengill delivered his address on "Efficiency." Mr. Pattengill needs no introduction, he is a native of this section of the state, and is well known by the general public and enjoys great popularity in educational circles.

Mr. Pattengill delivered several instructive talks during the institute. His talk Tuesday morning on "Hints from Spinks," or "Hints from Squirrels" as a dub printer once put it, was greatly enjoyed by all.

Miss Ann Wiggins of the Central State Normal school gave three talks Tuesday which were considered helpful and instructive by all present.

The music by the Alma high school chorus was exceptionally fine. The concert of Monday evening was the most enjoyed of any of the musical numbers on the program. This chorus has been under the direction of Miss Mae Jones and she has worked with them until they present one of the finest high school musical organizations in this part of the state.

The attendance at the sessions was exceptionally good. Of 236 teachers in the county, 202 enrolled at the mid-winter institute. Considering the heavy snow storms and the large amount of sickness this was considered a very good average.

"IDOL OF THE ISTHMUS" TO ENTERTAIN WEDNESDAY

Miss Gay Zenola MacLaren Will
Present Sixth Course Number.

Following the excellent recital by Burton Thatcher, the management of our Lyceum course will present Miss Gay Zenola MacLaren on next Wednesday evening. Miss MacLaren will present a different form of entertainment than ever seen here before. In her imitative recitals of famous plays, she is spoken of by critics as one possessed with remarkable powers for the interpretation of famous stage productions by the great actors.

Miss MacLaren after attending the production of a modern play will, without reading the original book or the dramatization, give an imitative recital of the entire production impersonating every character. She admits a natural born gift of mimicry, and by developing her natural powers has been able to produce an entertainer of the most critical audience.

Recently Miss MacLaren gave one hundred and seven recitals in Panama. So popular was her entertainments that she was frequently referred to as the "Idol of the Isthmus."

Her repertoire consists of such well known plays as "Within the Law," "Peg O' My Heart," "Brought and Paid For," "Romeo and Juliet" and many others.

Metropolitan papers, writers and dramatic critics pronounce Miss MacLaren as a genius at her art.

She will appear at the Wright opera house under the auspices of the Alma Lyceum Course next Wednesday evening. Tickets fifty cents including reserved seats to those not holding season tickets.

OBITUARY

Rudolph S. Richard was born in Marlow county, Pa., March 29, 1836 and departed this life Feb. 5, 1916, aged 79 years, 10 months and 6 days. He moved with his parents to Ashland, Ohio, when a child. At the age of 24 he was married to Miss Mary Hughs, to this union eleven children were born, two of which died in infancy.

He leaves a wife and nine children to mourn their loss.
Funeral services were held from his Court street residence, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, Rev. A. B. Bowman officiating.

GATHER AROUND "LOG CABIN"

On Wednesday evening, at the home of Harold Redman on Woodworth avenue, the Knights of the New Century of the Methodist church gathered around the little log cabin for their eighth annual Lincoln banquet. Fifteen of the class including Mrs. Smith the teacher were present. The presence of the little log cabin that has been carried around to every banquet for the last eight years went to show that the class is still bound together and are growing stronger. An excellent supper was served by Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Smith, after which Clarence Jessup in the role of toastmaster kept things lively until the members adjourned to the parlor where a "pot luck" orchestra was formed and the remainder of the evening was spent among old fashioned songs and humorous "stunts."

MISS HOOD GOES TO DETROIT

Miss Louise Hood will leave in a few days for Detroit where she will take up the position of financial secretary of the Y. W. C. A. building campaign. The Detroit association will launch an eight day campaign March 3, to raise \$300,000.

Miss Hood is a local girl, having lived here all her life. For the past eighteen years she has been connected with the A. W. Wright office. During this time Miss Hood has won the highest esteem in the business and social circles of Alma. Her large circle of friends congratulate her upon having secured this important and responsible position and the most sincere wishes for her success go with her to the new field of work.

PLAYED BUNGO GAME ON LOCAL MERCHANTS

Two Grand Rapids Boys Now
Loafing in County Bastile for
Slater & Goodes.

Several weeks ago just as Slater & Goodes were closing their place of business at six o'clock two young men walked into the store and informed the proprietors they wished to purchase some furnishings, but being a little short of change would sign over their time from the Motor Truck Company in payment of the purchase. At this time the Motor Truck offices were closed, so it was impossible to identify the young men in that manner. However, upon being closely questioned, they disclosed the facts that they were "well acquainted" at the truck factory, giving the name of their foreman and other knowledge which was accepted by the store management, and the gentlemen were sold furnishings to an amount of about \$6.00.

Although the young men told their story well there was still a lingering doubt with the store men, and in the morning the Motor Truck offices were consulted as to the correctness of the time the men had handed over. All was well as far as their employment was concerned, but it had only lasted till the morning previous to the purchasing of the goods when they had received the "can." Upon obtaining the goods the gentlemen departed on the 7:20 evening train for Grand Rapids.

But when it comes to "putting anything over" on Slater & Goodes, you run against the wrong firm. These young men didn't bewail their loss, but just baited their line with two warrants of obtaining merchandise under false pretenses, and sat down and waited.

Last Friday their "fish" were caught by Sheriff Bradford in Grand Rapids. They were arraigned before Justice Mann Saturday and fined \$10 and \$20 respectively or 20 and 30 days in jail. Being unable to secure money they are now serving their time in the county bastile.

The mother of one of the boys accompanied the pair with the intention of settling the matter, but after court expenses were figured up to nearly \$50 she lacked sufficient funds so the boys were locked in the county bastile for twenty and thirty days respectively. They gave their names as Claude Holcomb and Howard Chapman with their home in Grand Rapids.

ORATORIO ARTIST WAS AT HIS BEST

Burton Thatcher Gave a Remarkable Concert Last
Friday Night.

LOCAL TALENT ACCOMPANIES

Miss Sadie Messenger Discloses
Exceptional Talent at
Piano.

Musical entertainments have been given, singers of reputation have honored our town with their presence but the program of song rendered by Burton Thatcher, the bass-baritone oratorio singer on last Friday evening was enjoyed a great deal more than any musical concert heard in this city for a long time.

The singer appeared at his best, opening with the beautiful and difficult Aria Tu, by Verdi. In this selection Mr. Thatcher disclosed to the interested listener a voice of exceptional sweetness at times, and again throwing his full powers into a resonant baritone that captivated his entire audience.

His second number, a group of German songs were all well received. In these five songs his voice was under excellent control and the expression with which he rendered them delighted his listeners.

The remainder of the program was sang in English and was composed of thirteen numbers divided into three groups. Most of these were of a lighter character, but rendered in a way pleasing to everybody.

Mr. Thatcher was accompanied by Miss Sadie Messenger of this city. Miss Messenger proved herself an able accompanist, at all times having under perfect control the pianissimo and forte effects which blended in perfect harmony with the singers beautiful voice.

The next number will be an entertainment by Zola McLaren on Feb. 16.

HEZEKIAH WOODWORTH DIES

Mrs. A. J. Hall of Alma attended the funeral of her father Hezekiah Woodworth in Charlotte Sunday. Mr. Woodworth was well known in Alma. He leaves five children, one boy and four girls. Mrs. Woodworth passed away six years ago. The deceased was eighty-three years old. Funeral services were held from the house the Rev. Hutchings of the Congregational church of Charlotte officiating.

COMPULSORY

Act No. 285, Public acts of Michigan, provides that each incorporated village or city must provide at public expense a rest room or comfort station. This is of vital interest and should be enforced in every town. The law reads:

Sec. 1. "It shall be the duty of any city in this state, and of the board of trustees of any incorporated village to cause to be constructed and maintained in such village or city not less than one public closet, commonly known and designated as a public convenience station, in such place or places as directed by the local board of health. Such closets or public stations shall have thereon the proper signs and be so placed as directed by the local board of health as to be accessible from the business district of such city or village, and shall be maintained in a sanitary manner under the supervision of the local board of health. Suitable and adequate accommodations shall be afforded at such public convenience station, to the members of both sexes."

LAST NOTICE OF TAXES

I will receive taxes at Rhodes Drug Store until Feb. 25th. The treasurer's office will be open at the City Hall Feb. 25th, 26th, 28th to 29th. All taxes should be in on or before Feb. 29th as March 1st is return day.

Very Respectfully,
CHARLES R. MURPHY,
City Treas.

Three Auction Sale Ads This Week

Are you intending to hold an auction sale this spring? If so, it will pay you to make the arrangements as early as possible as experience has proved that February and March are good months for the auction business. If you will drop in at The Record office, we will be glad to assist you in every way possible in making the arrangements—writing your list, securing your auctioneer, your clerk, etc.

The Record has by far the largest circulation of any of the papers in this part of the county. Moreover, the readers have come to depend upon The Record for the auction news of Gratiot. The following sales are announced this week.

J. L. RAINES

Residing 5 1/2 miles east and 2 miles south of Alma, 4 miles north and 3 1/2 miles north of Ithaca, 1 1/2 miles east of Beebe on February 23, at 1 o'clock, J. E. Wiggins, auctioneer.

JOHN ANTHONY

Residing on the Mathew Udell farm, 3 1/2 miles north of Alma on Feb. 15, commencing at 10 o'clock, Helman & Son, auctioneers.

J. D. HANDLEY

Residing 2 miles west and 1 mile north of Alma on the old Clint Nelson farm, Feb. 19 at 11 o'clock, J. D. Helman, auctioneer.